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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve the issuance of a free lifetime swim pass for Barton Springs Pool to Dr. Robert Morrison.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation **DIRECTOR'S AUTHORIZATION:** Warren Struss

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Nelson, Acting Aquatics & Safety Division Manager, 974-9337

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Swim fees approved as part of 2004-2005 operating budget. Similar pass last approved for one individual on September 30, 2004.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: On November 9, 1993 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended awarding swim passes to citizens 80 years of age or older who are active swimmers at Barton Springs pool.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

City Council is asked to issue a free lifetime swim pass to Dr. Robert Morrison. The City has established precedent in this area by recognizing other citizens 80 years old or older who are devotees of Barton Springs Pool by granting them free lifetime swimming privileges at the pool. Approximately twenty five lifetime swim passes have been awarded in the last 42 years. Council approval is required because a fee waiver is necessary to award the pass.

A pass for 40 swims costs \$32 for senior citizens. The 40 swims may be taken at any time, at the purchaser's discretion. Since no multi-swim pass covers a specific timeframe, it is difficult to determine the exact fiscal impact of this action. However, the cost is believed to be negligible with no negative consequences to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Dr. Robert Morrison (December 22, 1912), son of Charlie Morrison (a Barton Springs swimmer who received the first Lifetime pass in 1962), began swimming at Barton Springs at an early age. In 1929, Dr. Morrison worked as a lifeguard at Barton Springs. Dr. Morrison has continued to swim at Barton Springs throughout the years.